(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the reasons for not appointing so far a regular Director?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The present incumbent on the post of Director, Bureau for Promotion of Urdu was appointed on the basis of the recommendation of ihe Union Public Service Commission, with effect from July 1, 1982. She is continuing to hold this post.

Expenditure incurred on formulation of New Education Policy

1999. SHRI N. E. BALARAM; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) the expenditure incurred on the formulation of the new education policy; and

(b) the purpose of holding a seminar at National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration for formulating the action plans when the same has already been prepared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education) had sponsored 23 seminars through various agencies at the national and State level to make recommendations on different aspects of the proposed National Policy on Education. The total expenditure incurred on this account is Rs. 21,72,000. This includes fee for Consultants and TA/DA of Participants.

(b) At the instance of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education), a National Seminar on Implementation Strategies cf National Policy on Education-1986 was organised by National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) on June 26-29, 1986 at New Delhi with a view to inter-acting and sharing experiences in this field with a cross-section of eminent educationists and experts both from within the country and abroad. The recommendations made by the Seminar were taken into account while preparing Programme of Action for implementation of National Policy on Education-1986.

Bogus Grants for Literacy Programmes

2000. SHRI N. E. BALARAM; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some bogus organisations have been issued grants for the Rural Literacy Programme and the Adult Education programme; and

(b) if not, the names of the institutions to which such grants-in-aid have been given during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sr.

(b) A statement is attached. *[See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 111.]

Air services m North-Eastern Region

2001. SHRIMATI BIIOYA CHAKRAVARTY; Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 82 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 1986, and state:

(a) by when the Indian Airlines propose to introduce (i) 5 time a week B-737 service on Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh route and (") daily B-737 service offl Calcutta-Tezpur-Jorhat route and tha details of the proposed timings thereof;

(b) whether the proposed Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugrah service ls likely to halt at any other place and whether this service can be introduced on a daily basis in view of a large number of passengers on this route;

(c) what is the likely pattern of othe flights operating ,311 Calcutta-Dibrugarh route after introduction of Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh service; and

(d) the names of the places with which Along and Daporizo are to be connected and what would be the proposed frequency of Vayudoot services to these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) India$_n$ Airlines will consider introduction of Boeing 737 service on Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh and Calcutta-Tezpur-Jorhat route$_s$ on induction of additional leased aircraft capacity. The frequency "and timings of new services and consequent changes in the existing services will b$_c$ decided by the Indian Airlines at an appropriate time.

(d) During the year 1986-87, Vayu doot has plans to connect Along and Daporizo on Calcutta-Guwahati-Along and Calcutta-Lilabari-Daporizo >-outes respectively Vayudoot has not yet decided fn$_e$ frequency fo$_r$ these routes.

Extension *ot* 31/32 passenger train to Dibrugarh and Jorhat

2002. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRA-VARTY: Will the Minister of TRANS-. PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whethe Government propose to extend the 31/32 Passenger Train running between Tinsukhia Junction and Mariani Junction to Dibrugarh on the Tinsukhia end and to Jorhat on the Mariani end; and

(b) if so, by when and if not what are the reason$_s$ therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) It is not feasible at present due 'o inadequate terminal facilities at Dibrugarh Town, and lack of terminal facilities at Jorhat Tow».

, Corruption prevailing in Railway Parcel Offices 'n Delhi

2003. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATA LIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whelher jt j$_s$ a fact that the members of the Railway Mazdoo$_r$ San-gbarsh Samiti, Ajmeri Gat$_e$ has represented to the vigilance department of Railway in person and through memoranda during 1984 and July, 1986 regarding rampant co^{r}ruptio$_n$ at Delhi; New Delhi and Nizamuddin in-ward and $_0$utwar4 parcel and good$_s$ offices; and

(b) if so, what action Government havt taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH-- DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SplNDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doe$_s$ not arise.

Draft for National Book Policy

2004. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA; SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-I SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether th$_e$ working group set oj by the National Book Development Council ha$_s$ prepared a draft for a National Book Policy; and

(b) if so, what are 't$_s$ features and Government's reaction thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA f SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The main features of tbe report relate to publication of translation of classics and other outstanding Indian works, publication of children's liters ture by a nodal agency of *he Ministry of Human Resource Development, Association of private publishers i^n publication of School textbooks, publication of uni